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This deal is a complete sell-out. The DOJ has just handed Microsoft card blanch to bundle anything they want into their OS. This means that they could bundle Microsoft Money into the OS and squeeze out the competition of Quicken.

Microsoft was guilty in a court of law that it is a Monopoly (even Israel came to the same conclusion), however, they are not being penalized for any of their previous actions. This clearly sends a message to corporate America that "hey, you too can break the Law and the DOJ will just slap your wrists".

Also, there are so many loopholes in this final draft that Microsoft will be able to get around almost all of the sanctions that are placed against them. I can see this and I'm not even a lawyer, therefore, I wonder how the DOJ even came up with this.

Thanks to the DOJ, Microsoft appears to be above the law if not controlling it like they control everything else.

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